

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike~~through.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 3, with the following paragraph:

[00119] Next the display electrode X is returned to the pulse base potential and the display electrode Y is made to be at the ground potential, i.e., zero volts. Namely, a discharge sustain pulse PS is applied to the display electrode ~~Y~~X. At this time, as shown in FIG. 19B, the polarities of the charges of the portions above the display electrodes X and Y are reversed by the surface discharge and the charge on the portion of the phosphors 28 above the address electrode A or 22 that opposes the display electrode X is reversed to positive.